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Mr. James M. Frey Assistant Director for Legislative Reference Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Frey:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Office of Management and Budget's draft bill to establish a Commission on Retirement Policy to investigate and evaluate public and private retirement programs in the United States.

While the Central Intelligence Agency has no objection to the substance of the draft proposal, it should be noted that the extent to which this Agency may provide data on funding and numbers of personnel will be restricted by its responsibilities to protect classified information relating to intelligence sources and methods including, among other things, certain information concerning the organization of the CIA and the functions, numbers and salaries of its employees. Amending section 4(c)(2) of the draft bill to read "[E]xcept as otherwise provided by law, the Commission..." would clearly recognize the limitations appropriately imposed by law to protect various categories of information from disclosure. Examples of such laws include not only the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, but also the Privacy Act and other statutes. We therefore recommend such an amendment.

Sincerely,

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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